News and Gossip of Interest to the Boy Scouts of the District and Vicinity

SCOUT REGISTRATION TO BEGIN OCTOBER 1

Each Boy Must Pay Dues of Twenty-five Cents a Year to Organization.

Registration of all Boy Scouts in the District will commence October 1. This is in acordance with the new regulations provided by national officials. Every scout must pay 25 cents a year as dues to the organization.

A portion of this is for the National Council, and the remainder for the use of the local council. No great amount will accrue from this, it is said, but the receipts will pay for the expense of enrolling and the additional supervision required under the new scheme.

The purpose of this enrollment is to provide better supervision over all Boy Scouts. Heretofore the organization has seen somewhat loose, it is said, the strictness of discrpline depending argely on the scoutmasters and officers of the local council. Under the new cheme it will be possible to provide a better enrollment than formerly, and he relations of the individual members will be closer than before.

All boys are requested to apply to their scoutmasters for the necesary en-collment cards as soon as possible, or chey may apply directly to headquar-ters in the District building. Different ands will be provided for tenderfoot, econd-class and first-class scouts. Rec-

ord will be kept of the meetings at-tended by each scout.

Registration applies also to scout-masters, and blanks for registration will be provided. These will be for-warded to the scoutmasters from na-tional headquarters. In communities tional headquarters. In communitie where there is a local council three copier will be sent, one of which is to oe kept for record and the other two sent to the scout commissioner, who will retain one and forward the other to national headquarters. Where there is no local council only two copies will be necessary, one for the scoutmaster the other to be sent to national head

SCOUTS INVITED TO TAKE ANTIETAM TRIP

Troop 43 Asks Other Members in District to Join Excursion

any Boy Scouts in the District to join later. them on their excursion to the battlefield of Antietam. Scoutmaster C. N. Filkins has made arrangements for the members of his troop to leave Washington Friday afternoon, October 3, at There was an excellent attendance at 3:00 p. m. This is a through train, and the meeting of this troop last week. will reach Keedysville at 7:21 p. m. there being present the following: Rob-Scouts will camp for the night. and early the next morning will "hike" three miles to the battlefield. At noon they will camp on the historic battlefield, and they will spend the whole day there. They will board the train at there. They will board the train at keedysville at 5:19 for home, reaching Washington at 9:45. Arrangements have been made with the railroad company

lor reduced rates, and the whole trip will cost less than \$3 per Scout. Troop 42 has made arrangements to have Mr. Morton, a veteran of the civil war, accompany them. Mr. Morton took active part in this particular battle. eing a member of a Massachusetts egiment. He will personally conduct the Scouts about the battlefield, and will show them the exact places where he was stationed during the battle. He will go over the very ground through liper's Road and Bloody Lane, where he as a young man, helped drive the Confederates from Piper's cornfield. Mr. Morton is an experienced story teller, and his description of the famous battles in which he was engaged are expected. in which he was engaged are expected

Assistant Scoutmasters George M. Man-ley and Neil E. Stevens, left Washing-ton the latter part of the week for Harpers Ferry and Sharpsburg, and will spend Sunday on the battlefield, making final arrangements there for the pro-Any Scout in the District who de-

es to make this trip should write at the for particulars to Scoutmaster C. Pilkins, 210 Thirteenth street southto tuny Scout in uniform to accompany
Tro 9 43. No time will be lost from time for church and Sunday

Meminers of Troop 25 Enjoyed Reception

Members of Troop 25 are enthusiastic over the recept ion given them last week Memorial Church. The occasion was a lawn party given the ladies of the shurch, in which the boys of Troop 16 Troop 17 Tr took part.

There were about thirty boys from There were about 'hirty boys from Troop 16, under Sco utmaster Partin, who acted as hosts to boys from Troop 5. At the meeting w, tich opened the evening addresses were nade by Scoutmaster Partin and other t Dr. Frizzel, pastor of the church, also made a short talk. At the end of the n teeting members of Troop 25 were add essed briefly by Dr. Frizzel.

Following the other exe trises the boys all retired to the swim ming pool

toys all retired to the swim ming pool had a good time for n wre than half an hour. Ice cream and c. the were then served. The boys from '1 roop 25 then "hiked" most of the way ho me.

To Consider Method Of Enrolling Scouts

of enrollment of Boy Scouts in the District will be taken up at the meeting of members of the local council next (Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, irs Mr. Martin's office, at scout headquarters. The meeting will be the first of the fall teason, and numerous details of the work during the coming season of 1153-It will be discussed.

The subject of dues from Boy Scouts under the new arrangement and the which the moving picture drame. "The

Washington Scouts May Furnish All With Fire Boards.

Washington Boy Scouts may be called upon to provide councils all over the country with "fire boards" and other paraphernalia for making fire without matches, Scout Commissioner Martin has just sent to Scout headquarters in New York three complete firemaking outfits made from materials selected near the summer camp of the boys, Camp Archibald Butt. Chief Scout Executive James E. West has notified Mr. Martin that he can probably use all of the outfits that can be pro-

According to Scout officials the materials of which the Washington boys have been making their outfits for firemaking are superior to those generally found.

MAKING PLANS FOR BOY SCOUTS' SHOW

Moving Picture Entertainment With Prize to Troop Selling the Most Tickets.

Final details of the entertainment to be given by the local council some time the latter part of October are now being worked out by Scout Commission Martin and other officials of the Boy Scouts here. The affair will include the presentation of the moving picture drama. "The Making of a Boy Scout," and there will be Boy Scout demonstrations of various kinds during the progress of the motion picture film.

In order to assure the success of the affair from a financial standpoint, members of the different troops will be asked to assist in selling tickets. The troop selling te largest number of ickets proportionally to the number of boys in the troop will be presented with a handsome motion picture machine, of the Edison model and of a value of \$135. The machine can be used to present 1.000 feet of film either in a hail or in any large room and can be operated from an ordinary electric light fixture. It is pointed out that the troop receiving the machine as a prize will be in a presentation of the moving picture to Be Run October 3.

It is pointed out that the troop receiving the machine as a prize will be in a position to give entertainments at almost any time and keep its treasury well supplied with funds.

Further details of the entertainment and the conditions under which tickets may be obtained, will be announced later.

News of Troop 33.

in, Carl Gill, George Gill, Ralpi Harris, Kenneth Jones, William Lynch, er, Robert Sickenger, Charles Scringman, and John Grant

The meeting was held at the home of free meeting was need at the nome of Scout Loney. Reports were given by the scouts who attended the meeting of the Naval Battalion Monday night, and a vote of thanks was given Commander Dempf for his kindness in entertaining

A number of amendments to the con-stitution of the troop were discussed, but no final action was taken in this matter.
The next meeting will be held at the home of Howard Criswell, 530 Shepherd

street northwest. A good deal of interest is being mani-fested by the boys in football, and How-ard Criswell was elected football manager. Stewart Poltross, Samuel Moores, Clifford Moores, and John Meyer are The scouts who went to the Naval

Battalion last Monday night were Carl Gill, George Gill, Clifford Moores, and

News from Troop 32.

Preparation for second class and firs class examinations are being made now in this troop through Saturday hikes. The boys go out for a long trip and practice the things which will aid them in passing examinations boys are taught to go the mile scout pace, to do tracking, to use the knife and hatchet, to build fires in the

open, and to cook meat and two pota-toes. It is simple also on these hikes to study the points of the compass and to practice first aid.

For the first class work the boys are studying swimming and learning more about the Morse, Meyer, and semaphore

part in the activity of scouts of this troop, and the boys are making rapid advancement in their examinations.

Registration Fee To Be Discontinued

Announcement is made from nations Boy Scout headquarters, in New York, that under the new scheme of registration the registration fee formerly required from Boy Scouts will be discontinued. In its place the fee of 25 cents annual dues will be charged, payable on enrollment and annually, probably Coloher I.

On the way back the boys were overtaken by an automobile in charge of a friend and given a short lift. The trip was started at 8 o'clock, in the morn-ing, and completed at about 3 o'clock. Those who took part in the trip were Stewart Coates, Allen Whittington, Gerald Swan, Hartley Fellows, George Cocloher I. Boy Scout headquarters, in New York,

The scoutmasters hereafter will be re lieved of payment of registration fees of dues. Every scoutmaster will also re-ceive free of charge a copy of Scout-ing, the official bulletin of the Boy Scout organization, issued semi-month-ly, and a subscription to Boys' Life, the official magazine.

Organize Bicycle Patrol.

'Members of Troop 22 are organizing a bicycle patrol. This form of patrol has now become so popular that its organi-zation is only an incident in the work of the scouts. Many of the boys find it

District Scouts Proud of Two Mates Who Have Won Star Badges



Pass Strenuous Test to Ob- dent. Harry Acker was elected treasurer and Claude Ayres retained his sea tain Badge.

Norris Gaddess, a member of Troop 39, is the first Boy Scout in the District to obtain the badge awarded "Star" Scouts. Requirements for this honor demand the passing of the five tests for Life Scout and five additional tests chosen from a list of about sixty. Many of these tests were passed by young Gaddess while at Camp Archibald Butt last summer.

Gaddess is one of the younger Boy Scouts of the local council. He was thirteen years old last June, having joined the organization February 1, 1913. He passed the tests for second-clars scoutcraft immediately on the termination of the month required after taking "tenderfoot" tests and was a first-class Scout when he went to summer camp early in July. He remained at camp all The tests required for obtaining the Life Scout badge are those in life sav-ing, athletics, first aid, personal health

ing, atmetics, first aid, personal health city for school, we expect to carry out and public health. Young Gaddess then a good many scout activities. At the passed nine other tests and received last meeting we reorganized the old merit badges. Any five of these nine, patrols and organized a new one. We together with his "Life" badge, permit him to wear the badge of the "Star" Eagle and the Rattlesnake patrols. At Scout. These nine tests include machinery, craftsmanship, swimming, cooking, signaling, bugling, camping, ploneering and carpentry. Other tests are under consideration by Young Gaddess, who has an ambition to become an "Eagle Scout" as soon as possible and thus attain the highest Boy Scout honor.

Nine Boy Scouts Take a Long Hike

cally all day Saturday in a hike from To the Scout Editor: Piney Branch Park to Linden and out toward Forest Glen. The boys stopped accompanied the boys. On the way back the boys were over-

Suter Charles Thurtell, Bertram Backenberger and Graham Smallwood. Stewart Coates, Allen Whittington and Graham Smallwood passed secondlass examinations during the "hike."

Boy Scout Notes.

About forty boys were present at the meeting of Troop 16 Monday night when Scoutmaster Partin and others discussed affairs relating to the troop.

Verious accout matters were practiced by the proceeds to purchasing some work and the near future. We shall devote the proceeds to purchasing some vote the proceeds to purchasing some greatly needed troop paraphernalia, such as flags, and to providing a fund to pay

BOY SCOUT LETTERS

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SCOUT SCRIBE, TROOP 25.

a fishing trip to Chesapeake Beach,

where they spent two weeks. The boys

Members of Troop 40 are working to

give a number of songs at a social of

the ladies of the Kenilworth Church

Guild next Thursday night. At the meeting last Friday night these songs were practiced. There were a number

of Scouts present at the meeting

troop were carried out.

the customary routine affairs of

Dan Shugrue, the old troop president, resigned his position and Frank Neldfelt, the former vice president, took the chair during the election. It was finally decided that he should be the new president, took the who do not take much interest.

We are planning a short hike next week, and expect to study bird lore and woodcraft. Very trilly yourself.

as secretary. George Sheriff was elect-ed vice president and scribe. During the meeting we had talks of what we expect to do during the winter At first we thought that the troop cou that we already had: the Eagle, Dan Shugrue, patrol leader; the Silver Fox, Claude Ayres, patrol leader, and the Cobra, George Sheriff, patrol leader. Mr. Killian, the scout master and member of the Y. M. C. A., chose s boys who did not know how to swim come down next Tuesday night about o'clock to the Y. M. C. A., and they would all go in the pool together and he would give them instructions in this essential and useful sport. About 8:30 the meeting adjourned.

Next Friday night, at 7:30, in one of the parlors of the Public Library, we expect to have an interesting meeting and wish that all who can will attend.

The question of forming a bicycle patro will very likely be taken up. Yours' truly, SCOUT SCRIBE, TROOPE, 30.

Now that the fall season has arrived and the boys are coming back to the city for school, we expect to carry out the next meeting we are going to or-ganize a bicycle patrol, as quite a num-ber of boys have bicycles. Mr. Wise, our scoutmaster, has just returned from a vacation, and now that he and the majority of the boys are back we are going to try to make things lively. Several new boys have been taken into the troop lately. Members of our troop played the Pet-worth tenniss team last Thursday and won, to the great joy of our boys. On the following Saturday we played a re-turn game and just tied the score. to the great joy of our boys. On

At our scout meeting Friday night, our scoutmaster told us about the sea scouting down at the Naval Battalion. in the woods at noon and cooked dinner.

Three tenderfoot scouts took advantage of the opportunity to pass their tests in second-class scoutcraft. Instruction in other branches of scoutcraft were also given by Scoutmaster C. E. Wise, who

Very truly yours, ALLEN R. WHITTINGTON,

Members of our troop have been try Members of our troop have been try-ing to run a wireless outfit for a long time, and now we have organized a wireless squad. There are six members, including Thomasson, Carpenter, Mills, Landy, Guy, and Jones. We practice every meeting under the direction of a De Groot. In a month we expect to be able to interpret messages and We are also making arrangements for an overnight hike some time next week and expect to practice up on scout work then. Very truly yours. BENJAMIN LANDY.

Scout Scribe, Troop 10.

FRANK CARPENTER At the meeting last Friday evening, the election of new officers took place. The election of new officers took place. There will thus be a sharp distinction the election of new officers took place.

Lawrence Prentice, Floyd Crews, and Edward Davis have just returned from

Frank Arnell Carpenter, the secon report a fine time. They had an ideal Boy Scout of the District to become a camp ground about a mile and a half from the railroad station among the "Star" Scout, is a member of Troop in the railroad station among the ingression of the station among the companies of the station in the station in 1910, shortly after it was ingright of covered the station in 1910, shortly after it was instituted here. He became a second instituted here. camp ground about a mile and a half

we gave considerable attention to tonging for oysters.

We did our own cooking, each boy
taking turns. Most of the fishing was
done at night. During the day we
worked at cleaning camp and swimming. One day we made a "Man Friday," which floated all of the boys,
Lawrence Prentice and Floyd Crews
went out into the boy on this, and were
out there when a squall came up, and
they were about an hour getting back.
This experience decided us in getting
a boat, and after that we did all our
swimming from that. No one lost any
weight, and each brought back a good
coat of tan.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DAVIS.

Practice on Songs.

Members of Troop 40 are working to

These tests do not represent all o These tests do not represent all of the work young, Carpenter has done, however, for he is partially prepared in a number of other tests and hopes to become an "Eagle Scout" before completing his term as a scout. He is the son of Frank Arnell Carpenter. T. R. Pirtle, scoutmaster of Troop 10, has greatly assisted the young man in the

Boy Scout Meetings This Week

HE regular meetings of Troops 21 and 25 with the Naval Battalion will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 at the battalion hall, foot of Seventh street. Commander Dempf will be in charge, and will be assisted by Quartermaster Miller and Chief Petty Officer Sofield and others. Rope, splicing, knots, signating, and instruction in general in seamonship will be given the boys.

Troop 16—Friday night, September 26, Assistant Scoutmaster O. B. Bowman, 5:20 to 7:20, at Ninth Street Christian In tharge.

Troop 16—Tuesday night, September 7 o'clock, at the home of the scout-6:30 to 7:30, at Ninth Street Chr. Church; T. R. Pirtle, scoutmaster. Troop 16-Tuesday night, September 28, 7 o'clock, at the home of the scout-master. Troop 17- Friday night, 7 o'clock, at the home of the scout-master. Troop 17- Friday night, 7 o'clock, at the home of the scout-master. Troop 17- Friday night, 7 o'clock, at the home of the scout-master. Troop 17- Friday night, 7 o'clock, at the home of the scout-master, 1834 Kalorama, road, First regular meeting since the return of Mr. Bailey; Vernon Bailey, scoutmaster. Troop 12-Friday night, September 26, 7:30, at Kenilworth Church, Kenilworth: Stephen S. Ball, scoutmaster. Troop 21-Friday night, September 26, 7:30, at Epiphany Chapel, Twelfth and C streets southwest; F. N. Filkins, scoutmaster. Troop 22-Thursday night, September 25, 7 o'clock, at the home of the scoutmaster. Troop 14-Friday night, September 26, 7:30, at Epiphany Chapel, Twelfth and C streets southwest; F. N. Filkins, scoutmaster. Troop 22-Thursday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster Jones, Bethesda, Md.; E. E. Jones, scoutmaster. Troop 47-Tuesday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster Jones, Bethesda, Md.; E. E. Jones, scoutmaster. Troop 47-Tuesday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 22-Thursday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 22-Thursday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 22-Thursday night, September 26, 7:30, at Epiphany Chapel, Twelfth and C streets southwest; F. N. Filkins, scoutmaster. Troop 22-Thursday night, September 26, 7:30, at Epiphany Chapel, Twelfth and C streets southwest; F. N. Filkins, scoutmaster. Troop 22-Thursday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 47-Tuesday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 47-Tuesday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 47-Tuesday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 47-Tuesday night, September 27, 7 o'clock, at the home of Scoutmaster. Troop 48-Tuesday night, September 26, 7:30, at home of Scoutmaster. Troop 48-Tuesday night, September 26, 7:30, a Church; TAR. Pirtle, scoutmaster.

Troop 16-Tuesday night, September 23, 7:30, at Ingram Memorial Church, Tenth street and Massachusetts avenue northeast. I. W. Partin, scoutmaster.

Troop 17- Friday night, 7 o'clock, at Western Preabylerian Church, H street northwest: W. I. Simpson, scoutmaster.

Troop 21-Friday night, September 25, 7:30, in the summer camp of troop, near

Troop 24-Tuesday night, September Troop 24—Tuesday Angat, September 22, 7 o'clock, at Congress Heights, for drum lessons; Wednesday night, 7:30, regular meeting; Thursday night, 7 o'clock, bugle and fife lessons; Friday night, 7 o'clock, band drill; the Rev. Merritt Earl, scoutmaster.

Troop 25—Monday night, September 22, Troop 25—Monday night, September 22, Troop 25—Monday night, Feptember 22, 7:30, at Naval Battalion for drill; Thursday night, regular meeting, 7 o clock at Scott Patrol Leader Nilsson. of Scout Patrol Leader Nilsson home of Scout Patrol Leader Nilsson.
3522 Rock Creek road. Scouts should meet at Eleventh and Monroe streets at 7 o'clock to march to the meeting place:
H. I. Bowles, scoutimaster.
Troop 32—Friday night, September 26, 7 o'clock, at Iowa Avenue Methodist Church, Piney Branch Park; C. E. Wise, scoutimaster.

ter.
Troop 47—Tuesday night, September 23, 7:39, at parish hall of of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets; A. G. Gunnell, scoutmas-Troop 49-Meetings temporarily sus-pended during absence of Scoutmaster H. L. Taylor, who is spending his va-H. L. Taylor, who is spending his va-cation in Rhode Island. Troop 1. Congress Heights-Friday night, 7:30. at headquarters of troop, Capitol Heights; E. H. Hamilton, scout-

rk during the coming season of 183will be discussed.

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Troops Will Contest For First One To Gain Eagle Scout

Assistant Scoutmaster George M Manley, of Troop 43, has started contest for treeps which wish to have an eagle scout in the shortest time. The race is open have not passed any portion of The start will thus be fair, and the troops presenting an eagle scout first will be given a prise of scout bedge is practically the highest honor that can be given a Boy Scout, the winner will thus be doubly favored.

The object is to stimulate scent activity in the Washington council. All interested are requested to communicate with George M. Manley, soy Twelfth street southwest.

TROOP 21 STARTS ITS MOVEMENT FOR 'GYN

Idea Launched at Meeting Opening Gun to Be Fired at Entertainment.

Members of Troops 2, Takoma Park, have started a movement to get a gym-nasium. It is hoped to obtain a suit able building and to fit it up with necessary apparatus, possibly a swimming pool, and provide a permanent Scout Home for the Takoma boys for their own use and the enterta

The movement was launched at the last meeting of the troop, last Friday. The opening gun for the gymnasium will be fired at a lawn fate or other intertainment, to be given shortly at lakoma Park. It is also hoped to eslist the interest of the powerful Citisens' Association and other ergan

isens' Association and other organisations in the community and make the
plan's community affair.

It is pointed out by those back of the
scheme that the boys have assisted in
the citisenship of the community to a
degree that they should be recognized,
and the assistance in obtaining a suitable building for a gymnasium and in
having it fitted up properly should be
backed up by every one in the place.

In the meantime the boys are not
letting any grass grow under their feet,
but are hard at work looking over the
grounds for a proper site, and taking
account of buildings which might be
put to the use desired.

News of Troop 21.

Boy in District Who Is So A bicycle patrol was organized at the last meeting of Troop 21 with Dan Eggleston as patrol leader and Kenneth Harries as assistant patrol leader. It is expected there will be a number of "runs" this fall and the boys are get-

next month.

The regular Saturday hike was taken out beyond Forest Glen. Md. The boys started at 10 o'clock in the morning and reached home again at 9 o'clock that evening.
It is intended to have an entertain-

nent given by the troop in order to alse funds for the fitting up of a sym-nasium. All but two members of the were present at the recent meet-SCOUT SCRIBE, Troop 21.

News of Troop 17.

Members of Troop 17 gave a fine entertainment at the lawn fete at Chevy Chase last week. Preparations for this were made at the meeting last, Friday night. The boys went through an exhibition of firemanship that was very effective. They showed what should be done in case any catches fire or in case a fire takes place in a room. This part of the work was insisted upon as very important, and was intended to prevent panic in those present.

An exhibition of fire lighting without matches was also a feature of the entertainment. There was first aid work, an exhibition of signaling according to the Morse code, and according to the Morse code, and according to the scout work amused the ladies at the fete very much.

Gettysburg. We reached the place at 12:30, and remained there until Thursday.

We spent the days looking over the points of interest about the battlefield. Trips along both of the lines of battle held by the Northern and Southern troops in the great historic battle were seen and we looked down from both Culp's Hill and Little Round Top. We camped not far from the little village of Gettysburg, where most of the fighting the first day of the battle took place.

Our first stop after leaving Gettysburg was Cashtown, eight miles away. Friday night we stopped at Caledonia. Springs and Saturday night at Chambersburg. Sunday was spent here and we had fine entertainment with the boys of the local troop and with the people who came to visit us.

Gettysburg had completed the first leaving feet very much. exhibition of signaling according to the Morse code, and according to the sema-phore system. There was also instruction in cooking. This last part of the scout work amused the ladies at the Among the ladies who were prominent at the fete were Mrs. Hessleman, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Stimpson, Mrs. Stein, and Mrs. Webb.

Exciting Race Ends in Watermelon Feast

A race between a crew of four boys in the company of some officers of the naval battalion and a crew composed of Quartermaster Miller, of the battalion and Howard Derrick, of Troop 21, proved one of the interesting events of the visit of the boys of troops 21 and 25 at the quarters of the division last Sunday.

The prize was a watermelon offered by Scoutmaster Marries, of Troop 21.

The affair was exciting. The start was made by "breaking" out the "recall" pennant of the Sylvia, and the big boat pennant of the Sylvia.

pennant of the Syvia, and the big boat got away first. Quartermaster Miller followed closely, however, and gained slowly throughout the course of nearly a mile and a half, finally winning out a short distance. rowing is a part of the work, the boys being taken out in different size boats and shown how to handle oars. In many cases the crew of boys, assisted by pet-ty officers of the battallon, showed considerable ability to take care of themselves in the different craft.

SCOUTMASTERS MAKE **record in august**

One Hundred Sixty-seven Join Ranks During Month, According to Records.

out the country increased by 167 for the month of August, 1913, according to "Scouting," the official publication of the Boy Scouts. This exceeds by fifty the total number of new scoutmasters enrolled during the month of August. 1912. It is pointed out that this is especially encouraging, as August is usually the month when least is going on

in Boy Scout work.

The figures submitted by A. R. Forbush, deputy field scout commissioner for the month just completed are as follows:

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BY SCOUTS' GUEST

fember of Troop 16 Relates Tale of "Big Hike" to Which He Was Invited.

By THOMAS CULLEN.

Member of Troop 16, Chosen To Accompany the Troop 27, On "Big Hike" To Gettysburg and Return. We left the Gospel Mission at 8:20 the morning of August 2, and hiked to Kensington, a small town about twelve miles out of Washington. It was only about mid-afternoon when we pitched camp, and there was plenty of time to rest up for the long trip ahead of us. We reached Kensington at 3:10, and The short trip from Kensington to Washington Grove was made Monday. We were up early and made an excellent tramp. Tuesday's tramp was a hard one. We left our camp ground "runs" this fall and the boys are getting into shape for long trips.

Lessons in rope work, first aid and signaling were carried on at the last meeting with considerable success after the instruction of last Monday at the naval battalion.

A detail of boys was chosen to take part in the play to be given by the Sunshine Society at one of the theaters next month.

The regular Saturday hike was taken

The beautiful Blue Ridge mountains were in plain view for sixteen miles. Some of the boys went ahead and made camp, and that night we hoisted our colors over our tents on a staff loaned by Charles C. Currens, who carried it during the civil war. He was a member of Company C. of the First Maryland Cavalry.

Emmittsburg was reached the next day. Friday. Saturday we arrived in Gettysburg. We reached the place at 12:30, and remained there until Thursday.

point, the route was toward home. We reached Green Castle Monday night and Hagerstown Tuesday night. Wednesday night was passed in Boonsboro, and the next day we passed over the historic battlefield of Antietam.

We spent some time here also looking about at the points of interest. At Harper's Ferry, which we reached Friday night, we stayed at the old Lutheran Church. The next day, Salirday, nine of us with Captain Graham went ahead of the rest of the party and tramped along the canal for twenty-two miles, before stopping to camp. We got to sleep at about 12 o'clock. Reveille sounded pretty early for us, io clock in the morning, and we broke camp at 5:30 for our thirty-two miles hike for Washington.

We reached home at 11 o'clock that night, having made the fifty-four miles in record time. As a "hiking trip" we think we have made a record in walking from Harper's Ferry to Washington in a little less than two days with heavy blankets, knapsacks and equipment.

Scoutmaster Bailey **Returns From Wes***

Commander Dempf, not to be outdone, then donated another melon, and the boys had a feast.

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